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Grow Autumn - Flowering Bulbs

For Perennial Beauty

Four hardy and invaluable members of the bulb kingdom yield colorful blooms from September through the last days of fall. They are **Autumn Crocuses**, **Colchicums**, **Sternbergias** and **Hardy Cyclamens**. Plant them as you would early spring bulbs, in permanent colonies or drifts in the sunny rock garden, in the informal border, or along a slope, and let them naturalize. They not only come back, but increase vigorously from year to year. Shipped and planted in August they flower during the succeeding months. They like plenty of late fall and early spring sunshine.

Autumn Crocuses:	Per 10	Per 100
Asturicus. Dark violet.....	\$.80	\$ 7.00
Sativus. Pure lavender.....	.80	7.00
Speciosus. Deep blue.....	.60	5.00
Speciosus Albus. Pure white.....	.80	7.00
Zonatus. Lilac60	5.00
Mixed Autumn Crocuses		5.00
Colchicums:		
Autumnale. Rosy-lilac	2.50	22.00
Autumnale Album. Pure white.....	2.50	22.00
The Giant. Huge flowers of warm lilac.....	4.50	40.00
Violet Queen. Huge deep violet.....	4.50	40.00
Sternbergia:		
Lutea. Golden yellow.....	4.00	35.00
Cyclamen:		
Neapolitanum. The wild cyclamen.....	7.00	65.00

Dahlias

Your summer garden is not complete without dahlias for garden decoration and for cutting. The following well tested varieties of large decorative dahlias are offered in extra-large divisions.

Large Decorative Dahlias:	Per 3	Per 10
Gallant Fox. Deep claret red.....	\$1.75	\$5.00
Golden Treasure. Large sunflower yellow....	1.75	5.00
Jersey Beauty. Soft lilac-rose.....	1.75	5.00
Kentucky. Salmon-pink	1.75	5.00
White Giant. Large pure white.....	1.75	5.00
Exhibition Collection:		
Our choice from above list.....	1.50	4.50
Miniature Dahlias. Red, pink, white, yellow or mixed	1.50	4.50

TERMS OF SALE

All items in this folder are offered subject to prior sale, and are sold F.O.B. New Hope, Pennsylvania. All orders are accepted subject to safe arrival of the goods in our packing rooms. Remittance with the order will simplify bookkeeping and will aid us in serving you to advantage. On all orders amounting to less than \$5.00 prepayment is requested. On all orders accompanied by remittance, regardless of amount, free delivery is made to all points east of the Mississippi.

Name and color description are on each label; also planting directions as to depth and distance apart. Five of a variety are sold at the ten rate, twenty-five or more at the hundred rate.

Pennsylvania customers please add 3% for state sales tax.

Grow Bulbs for All-Summer Bloom

Gladioli — Exhibition and Miniature

Gladioli are rightly regarded as the staple flower of the summer garden. Successive plantings of exhibition and miniature varieties can give you four months of uninterrupted colorful bloom in the garden, plus a steady supply of flowers for indoors — for bold spectacular displays from the large varieties and charming arrangements from the miniatures. They may be planted among perennials and annuals or in beds by themselves; and they should be grown in profusion so as to guarantee constant bloom.

	Per 10	Per 100
Abu Hassan. A strikingly beautiful variety of deep, indigo-blue.....	\$1.20	\$10.00
Acca Laurentia. Huge florets of soft orange-rose are borne on a tall, sturdy stem	1.00	9.00
Aureole. Large, ruffled flowers of clear, soft yellow	1.20	10.00
Ethel Cave Cole. Clear tone of pure light pink. Free-flowering	1.00	9.00
Elizabeth the Queen. A lovely rosy-lavender with huge ruffled florets.....	1.00	9.00
Friendship. Large, ruffled florets of warm rose-pink	1.30	11.00
General Eisenhower. Tall spikes thickly covered with deep rose flowers.....	1.20	10.00
Professor Goudrian. Sturdy spike of pure white	1.00	9.00
Ravel. Tall, upright spike with many well-spaced florets of clear violet-blue.....	1.00	9.00
Red Charm. Vivid shade of right red, but not scarlet. Vigorous grower	1.20	10.00
Salman's Glory. Gleaming white florets with deep red blotch in center.....	1.20	10.00
Spic and Span. Many huge, ruffled florets of deep pink on long spikes.....	1.30	11.00

The following selected list includes the better recent introductions as well as the best older varieties. This year we are also featuring a choice group of miniature gladioli. All corms are top-sized and high-crowned. They are shipped in April and early May and bulbs planted then are least troubled by thrips. However, for successive blooms from June to October, bi-weekly plantings may be made up to July 10. Cultural directions accompany all shipments.

	Per 10	Per 100
Spotlight. Large deep yellow with small scarlet markings	1.30	11.00
White Gold. Rich, creamy white.....	1.20	10.00
Yellow Herald. Large, ruffled yellow.....	1.20	10.00

EXHIBITION COLLECTION. A collection of exhibition kinds in complete color range. Each variety packed and named separately. Our selection. All No. 1 bulbs.
\$8.50 per 100—\$21.00 per 250—\$78.00 per 1,000

MIXED GLADIOLI. Varieties packed mixed in one bag. Top quality bulbs. Our selection.
\$7.50 per 100—\$18.00 per 250—\$68.00 per 1,000

MINIATURE GLADIOLI		
Atom. Red, white edge.....	\$1.30	\$11.00
Little Gold. Deep yellow.....	1.00	9.00
Peggy Ann. Light pink, white markings.....	1.30	11.00
Starlet. Informal white.....	1.30	11.00
Winter Carnival. Upward facing, white, edged pink. Ideal for small arrangements	1.40	12.00
Mixed Miniatures. Our selection.....	1.00	9.00

Cannas

Plant cannas wherever bold, imposing plants and flowers are wanted to give strength and power to a background area. Cannas like sun and good soil. They are lifted for winter storing in October. Approximate height of each of the following best varieties is given.

- Hungaria.** 4 feet. Leaves bluish green. Large-petaled flowers of clear pink.
- King Humbert.** 4 feet. Foliage a rich bronze. Brilliant scarlet flowers of great substance provide fine contrast.
- Richard Wallace.** 4 feet. Dark green leaves. Large flowers of pure deep yellow.
- The President.** 4 feet. Clear green foliage. Flowers a striking scarlet.
- Northern grown, 2 to 5 eye divisions, any variety by name.**
\$.85 per 3—\$2.20 per 10—\$20.00 per 100
- Cannas in Collection.** Same quality divisions. Named varieties, our selection.
\$2.00 per 10—\$5.00 per 25—\$18.00 per 100

Hymenocallis (Ismene)

Peruvian Daffodil

The large white, amaryllis-shaped, and fragrant blossoms of hymenocallis are carried on strong stems from two to three feet tall. The foliage consists of long, broad spears of rich green. For successive bloom bulbs may be planted every two weeks from late April to mid-June. They are lifted in October for winter storage in a dry place of medium temperature. They grow vigorously and increase from year to year.

	Per 10	Per 100
Calathina.	\$1.75 per 3	\$5.00 \$45.00

Tuberoses

The waxy white flowers of tuberoses impart nostalgic fragrance to the late summer garden. Their long stems make them especially fine for cutting too. Tuberoses like a sunny location and good soil.

	Per 10	Per 100
Double Pearl. Top sized bulbs.....	\$1.80	\$16.00

Montbretias

The charming spikes of montbretias resemble gladioli in form and habit, but the montbretia spears are shorter and narrower and arch more gracefully. Unlike most spring-planting bulbs, montbretias need not be lifted each fall. They will winter over with a light mulch and will readily naturalize with a little protection.

Following is a selection of wonderful hybrids from Holland in shades of pale lemon through apricot to warm carmine.

	Per 10	Per 100
Carmine Brilliant. A small-flowered variety of bright carmine with tan throat.....	\$1.00	\$ 9.00
Citronella. Large, delicately formed florets of canary yellow on long graceful stems....	2.00	18.00
El Dorado. Vivid spikes of intense deep yellow	1.00	9.00
Ernest Davidson. A huge flower of pure orange	1.00	9.00
Fantasy. A colorful variety of bright orange-red	1.00	9.00
James Coey. Brilliant fiery crimson suffused with gold. Excellent for massing.....	1.30	11.00
Lady Oxford. An unusual shade of coral with deep maroon markings. Bold, handsome flower of great substance.....	1.60	14.00
Vesuvius. Deep red florets on a sturdy spike..	1.00	9.00
Montbretias in Collection. Named varieties each packed separately. Our selection.....		9.00
Mixed Montbretias. Same quality bulbs, but packed mixed in one bag. Our selection....	1.00	8.00

Our Book on Bulbs "Bulbs for Beauty"

More and more gardeners are discovering that our general book on bulbs, **Bulbs For Beauty**, is worth many times its cost to anyone who grows or plans to grow bulbs. It was written expressly for the amateur gardener and answers such questions as how to grow bulbs, where to plant them, how to care for them through the year, what kinds and varieties are best. It deals with bulbs that flower in the spring, summer and autumn, and also contains a chapter on indoor growing bulbs. Beside 277 pages of text it contains copious illustrations. It sells for \$3.50 per copy and we shall be pleased to fill your orders.

Lilies

For those who did not plant them last fall we have limited stocks of five fine lilies. Plant them in late March or early April for spectacular blooms in your garden not only in the coming summer, but other summers to follow. Approximate flowering times are indicated.

	Per 10	Per 100
Auratum. July-August. Gold-banded Lily of Japan. Huge wide blossom, white with gold stripe up center of petals. \$2.75 per 3	\$8.50	\$75.00
Formosanum. August-September. Long, trumpet-shaped flowers of pure white.....	6.00	55.00
Olympic Hybrids. June-July. Improved Regale. Long flowers, white with yellow centers. Exterior dark green or brown.....	6.00	55.00
Speciosum Rubrum. August. Red spotted on background of white. Maroon anthers. \$2.75 per 3	8.50	75.00
Mid-Century Hybrids. June-July. Seedlings in shades of tawny apricot, rust-orange and yellow.	6.00	55.00

Hemerocallis (Daylilies)

Daylilies still reign supreme as the flower yielding the greatest summer-long beauty with the least amount of care. No wonder busy gardeners turn to it in ever increasing numbers as the plant to count on for robust growth and certainty of bloom.

Ever more fascinating hybrids of hemerocallis are being introduced all the time, ranging in color from creamy yellow, sometimes rose-tinted, through golden yellow, rose or buff, to darkest brown and purple. Blooming times vary from May to September. They should be planted copiously for

Per 3 Per 10

August Pioneer. August-September. A sturdy variety of chrome orange with outer petals flashed red.....	\$2.75	\$ 8.00
Autumn Red. August-September. Large flowers of deep red with no yellow markings.....	3.00	9.00
Bagdad. July. A deep new shade of rich brown and red.....	2.75	8.00
Black Falcon. July-August. Extremely large dark mahogany with canary throat. Each \$4.00	11.00	35.00
Canari. July-August. Free-blooming flower of palest, creamy yellow.....	Each \$2.00	5.00 15.00
Coraline. July-August. Gigantic flowers of shrimp pink on tall stem.....	Each \$2.00	5.00 15.00
Dolly Varden. July. Buff overlaid with deep coral and rose.....	3.00	9.00
Enchantress. June-July. Soft yellow blended with coppery gold.....	3.00	9.00
Hyperion. July-August. Deliciously scented soft canary-yellow. Very free blooming. Fine for cutting as buds open well in water	3.00	9.00
J. A. Crawford. July-August. Very large blossoms of clear golden yellow.....	2.75	8.00

a steady supply of garden flowers and of bud-filled stems for indoor vases.

While they will survive almost any kind of soil and location, hemerocallis flourish best in good garden soil with at least a moderate amount of sunshine. So rapidly do they multiply that the roots may be divided every three years to start new colonies. Thus a modest investment will yield huge dividends in garden beauty in a short time. Listed below is a selection of the finest hybrid daylilies with blooming times indicated.

Per 3 Per 10

Moonray. July-August. Pale yellow, with ruffled and recurved petals.....	3.00	9.00
Mrs. W. H. Wyman. August-September. One of the finest late varieties. Glistening silver-yellow.....	3.00	9.00
Ophir. August. A very tall free-blooming variety of bright golden yellow.....	3.00	9.00
Patricia. July. Tall, pale yellow with greenish throat.....	3.00	9.00
Peachblow. July. Appealing flower of buff, overlaid with salmon. Strong grower.....	3.00	9.00
Rajah. June-July. Rich yellow-orange with zone of garnet-brown.....	2.75	8.00
Robin Redbreast. June-July. Tall, large flowers of warm robin-red.....	Each 1.50	4.00 12.00
Serenade. June. Another "pink" variety, with tone of light buff and pink.....	3.00	9.00
Theron. July-September. A handsome, long-flowering novelty of deep mahogany-red.....	3.00	9.00
Novelty Collection of Hemerocallis. Named varieties, each packed separately, covering a blooming range from May-June to August-September. Our selection. \$7.50 per 10—\$18.00 per 25—\$70 per 100		

Tuberous Rooted Begonias

Tuberous begonias are ideal summer flowers for the summer gardener with problem shady areas. Their richly colored flowers often measure five to six inches across and are freely produced right up to cool weather, when the tubers are lifted for winter storing. The dark green foliage is attractive in itself and the spectacular blossoms may be floated in a shallow bowl for a beautiful table decoration.

Tuberous begonias like from half to nearly full shade and good, loamy soil not thickly matted with roots. They need plenty of air so avoid planting them under trees or shrubs which sweep the ground. No summer care is needed except watering in very dry weather.

The tubers may be planted outdoors about mid-May or potted in March or early April for transplanting outside about June 1. Naturally, blooms begin earlier from plants started indoors. We offer top-size tubers of the double camellia-flowered type as follows:

Belgian Grown:	Per 10	Per 100
In Separate Colors: Copper, Orange, Pink, Red, Salmon, Scarlet, White, Yellow.....	\$3.50	\$32.00
Mixed. Our Selection.....	3.00	27.00
California Grown:		
In Separate Colors: American Beauty, Apricot, Blush, Dark Red, Salmon, Scarlet, White, Yellow.....	5.00	45.00
Mixed. Our Selection.....	4.50	42.00

HOW TO GET TO "LENTEBODEN"



Spring, 1957, Greetings

To Our Gardening Friends:

Now is the time you are planning and choosing your flowers for your 1957 summer and autumn gardens. For the surest and most prolific supply of blooms for cutting and for garden enjoyment be sure to plant generous quantities of bulbs. Tuberous begonias for shady areas, daylilies and gladioli for months of successive blooms, tuberose for their fragrance, montbretias for their tawny appeal, all these should be grown whenever summer flowers of great beauty and easy culture are wanted—which undoubtedly includes your garden. Also, be sure to order now for August planting and fall flowering, the colchicums, autumn crocuses, sternbergias and wild cyclamens which brighten the shortening days of autumn.

Visit Our Spring Display

As usual we take pleasure in inviting you and your gardening friends to come and enjoy our annual feast of spring beauty here at "Lenteboden." Some 50,000 spring-flowering bulbs in more than 1,000 separate plantings by variety blossom here in all their glory. Here you can see more varieties of spring-flowering bulbs than in any other display garden in America. More than a hundred of them will be brand new kinds sent us by our hybridizers for their first trial blooms in this country. The show begins with the early species tulips, little bulbs and hyacinths, and continues through the daffodil season to the tall May-flowering tulips and scillas.

A Living Catalogue

Each year this display is regarded by more and more gardeners and garden lovers as a horticultural event they would not miss. We hope that you will be among them this spring. Moreover this show has a value far beyond the beautiful spectacle which it is. It is also a living catalogue. As such it surpasses the most lavishly illustrated printed list imaginable as a guide in selecting spring-flowering bulbs for your own garden. For here you can choose varieties, not from printed lithographs, but from the flowers themselves. So make note of the empty spaces in your garden, then come to **Lenteboden**, select and order your bulbs for the fall. We can offer for sale only for the duration of the display the vast range of varieties shown here. Later buyers must choose from a much more restricted list.

Three Times to Visit

Our gardens will be open for visiting and placing orders for fall delivery from April 1 through May 25, from 10 A. M. to 6 P. M. every day including Sundays. Weekday visiting is usually less crowded. New Hope can be reached from the New York area by U. S. Routes 22—202. From the Philadelphia vicinity, Pa. 232 and Pa. 263—U. S. 202 lead to New Hope. It is an easy two-hour drive from midtown New York and about an hour and a quarter from downtown Philadelphia. The map inside shows the location of our gardens.

Blooming times vary with the seasons but fall approximately into three periods during each of which the gardens should be visited:

- 1. April 1 — April 20 for hyacinths, early bulbs and species tulips.**
- 2. April 15 — May 5 for early tulips and daffodils.**
- 3. May 1 — May 25 for tall May-flowering tulips, scillas and late daffodils.**

